In the matter of the special Excise Party, that arrangement has now been extended to the whole of the Minachil taluk.

Your representation about the dispensary at Ramapuram, I am completely at a loss to understand. I myself was there last year and I have ordered the dispensary to be opened and it is in progress of establishment. It cannot be done in a day. It will be finished in as near a time as possible.

The member said that the dispensary at Kuravilangad was urgently required as also the Police Station.

DEWAN : The dispensary will be established in due course.

124. Needs of the Kunnatnad taluk.

MR. NARAYANA PILLAI KRISHNA PILLAI (*Member, Kunnatnad taluk, Group I*), spoke first about the need for the construction of a suitable building for the Munsiff's Court at Perumbavur. The court was established in the year 1087 ; and then, for want of a proper building it was held in the local *satram*. An additional shed was also put up in the *satram* premises for the use of the office. Although the building was adequate when the court was first opened, it had since become quite insufficient, mainly on account of the growth in the volume of records. The building was not spacious or strong. Again, as the *satram* was not free, the touring officers did not usually stop at Perumbavur and the inhabitants could not therefore represent their grievances personally. The camp-shed was not always available for occupation. Want of a proper *satram* was felt by the travelling public also. A suitable building should soon be constructed for holding the Munsiff's Court. Although the Public Works Department had submitted the plan and estimate for the building, the necessary budget provision had not been made. The required amount should be allotted in the budget for 1103.

The Perumbavur dispensary should be converted into a District Hospital and housed in a suitable building as had been urged at previous sessions too. The number of patients was on the increase. Further, there were a First Class Magistrate's Court and a charging station at Perumbavur. Complainants in criminal cases had therefore to go to Perumbavur and many of them had to be treated as in-patients for hurts. The dispensary should therefore be raised to the status of a hospital and a suitable building constructed. A private building would never be suitable for a hospital.

The member's next suggestion was to raise the standard of the Lower Grade English School, Perumbavur, to a High School. As a result of repeated representations from the people, the Government had agreed to raise the standard if a suitable building were provided by the people. Before the funds required for the building could be raised by public subscriptions, the floods of 1099 intervened. The people had not yet recovered from the losses sustained from the floods. Many of them had not even repaid the special loans advanced by the Government. The money could hardly be raised from the people and the Government themselves should, therefore, put up the necessary building. If this could not be done immediately, the English School might be removed to the Malayalam School building and the Malayalam School housed in the English School building. If there was not sufficient accommodation for the Malayalam School, an additional block should be put up. The Inspector of English Schools was agreeable to the above proposal. For want of a High School many children were forced to discontinue higher English education for which they had to go to foreign places and incur additional expenditure which the parents could not afford. If the High School classes be opened, the strength of the lower classes too would increase. Form IV should be opened in the English School from the next academic year.

A dispensary and a *vaidyasala* should be opened at Kodanad. As a result of the representation made at the previous session, the Government had sanctioned the opening of a bi-weekly dispensary at Kodanad. The member requested that it should be given effect to before the monsoon set in, and that in course of time the

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bi-weekly dispensary should be made a permanent institution. The Director of Ayurveda had promised to open a *vaidyasala* at Kodanad. It should be one of the new *vaidyasalas* to be opened in 1103.

The village road running from the Main Central road, 138th mile, 2nd furlong, *via* Kizhillam, Kuruppampadi, Kurichilakod and other places should be converted into a cart road. The total length was only 8 miles and the annual maintenance grant Rs. 20 a mile. This was the chief road for the inhabitants of Kizhillam, Pulluvazhi, Rayamangalam, Kuruppampadi, Aimuri and other places. For want of a cart road, the inhabitants could not transport agricultural produce to the markets or take manure to the fields. The proposed work would not be costly, as only two small bridges, one across the Mudakuzha *todu* and the other across the Rayamangalam *todu*, and two or three culverts had to be constructed.

Portions of the Mullasseri *todu* from the Kallupalakadavu to Chundanturuttu were encroached upon by the adjacent land-owners and other portions were silted up. It was a very useful water-way to the Parur and Angamali markets. The encroachments should be removed.

Lastly, a bridge should be constructed across the Kodanad-Puliyamnada *todu*. Two bridges were necessary on the Perumbavur-Kodanad road, one across the *todu* mentioned above and the other across the Plankudi *todu*. The latter was under construction but was not completed. In the absence of bridges, the traffic along the road was hampered, especially during the rainy season. There was no convenience for *junghar* service. The bridge under construction should therefore be completed at an early date and the construction of the other bridge started soon.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Krishna Pillai, on the question of a building for the Munsiff's Court, a sketch has just been received from the Chief Engineer and the Land Revenue Commissioner and the views of the High Court have been called for, for a building to combine the offices of District Munsiff's Court and the Division Assistant at Perumbavur. As soon as Government receive the approval of the High Court and the views of the Land Revenue Commissioner they will at once take up the question of the construction of the building. I may tell you that it is estimated to cost Rs. 35,000.

In regard to the conversion of the Perumbavur dispensary into a District Hospital, the Administrative Board have satisfied themselves that there is no justification for it at present. The question of raising the standard of the English School at Perumbavur is mainly dependent on suitable accommodation being provided and you know how the position stands in respect of that ; if the people of the locality come forward and contribute a fair share, the question will be considered.

The Government have ordered, that the dispensary at Kodanad should be opened as a bi-weekly institution.

Then the question of the conversion of the cart road *via* Kizhillam and Kuruppampadi and the clearing of the encroachments on the *todu* running from Kallupalakadavu to Chundanturttu and the construction of the bridge across the Pulianmada *todu* at Kodanad, these will all be considered again. I cannot promise all of them will be carried out. In regard to the road mentioned by you, all that is possible will be done soon. This is all that I can tell you from the notes placed before me. If you want any special help from me, wait and come to me when I next come on circuit to Perumbavur. Then I will be able to find out things for myself as you will be able to show them to me on the spot.

125. Needs of the Kunnatnad taluk.

MR. KHADIR MAKKAR (*Member, Kunnatnad taluk, Group II*) stated that the need for a bridge across the Periyar river at Alwaye had been in Assembly urged upon the Government by representatives from the northern taluks of Travancore. As a result, a sum of Rs. 500 was provided in the budget for 1101 for preliminary

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